

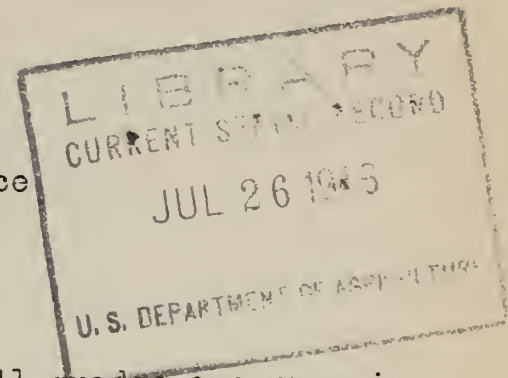
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San Francisco Wholesale Markets
USDA FOOD BULLETIN
From Federal-State Market News Service
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter are acutely short and prices on all grades are pressing allowable ceilings. Removal of ration points released a long pent-up demand at a time when production and receipts were establishing a new record low.

Eggs - Decline in the volume of egg sales to retail outlets is due largely to limited supplies of top grades. A firm market prevailed following the holiday with little let-up in consumer demand.

Poultry - Retailers report very little demand for any class of dressed poultry and believe it is because consumers are buying meat in preference to poultry.

MEAT

Beef - All available offerings of steer and cow beef were well sold out, with delivery practice to fill orders with "half-a-carass". Quality was mostly Commercial and Good, most of it barely in the grade limit.

Lamb - Offerings were hardly up to the previous week, and many orders went unfilled or only one or two carcasses furnished. General quality was from Commercial to Choice.

Pork - Fresh pork carcasses moved rather freely the past week, due to sudden pick-up in hog slaughter. All pork cuts moved out freely.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

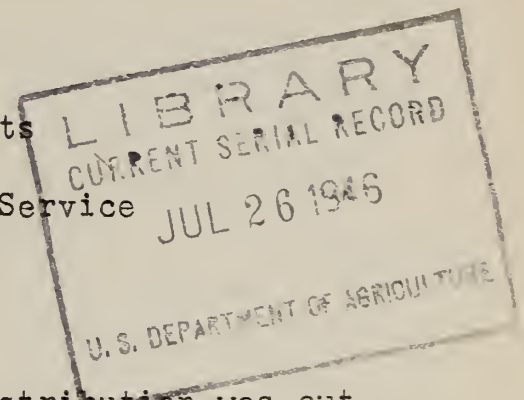
Grapefruit, small size oranges and persimmons are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Large size oranges are a little lower in price, but still high. The main supply of oranges is Navel. Northern apples are in light supply, while California Newtons are in moderate supply. Avocados are moderately priced and in heavier supply. Grapes are in light supply and at ceiling. Lemons are in moderate supply, but fairly high. Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, onions, potatoes, and hard squash are the best buys of the fresh vegetables this week. Artichokes are higher priced, with limited offerings available. Beans and peas are scarce, with best quality at ceiling. Cucumbers are scarce and higher. Lettuce will be in light supply for the next few days due to rains. The few good tomatoes available are selling at ceiling. Italian squash is reasonably priced, but white summer squash is higher. Spinach and eggplant are moderately priced. Peppers from Texas and Santa Clara County are moderately priced.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter are increasingly short. Distribution was cut sharply and sales at all levels were on limited quota basis.

Eggs - Supplies of fresh eggs in retail outlets were somewhat larger this week. Reports from country points indicate a steady increase in production, but thus far, top grades moved without difficulty.

Poultry - Demand for dressed poultry improved somewhat this week, but stormy weather checked retail sales. Fryers were in large supply and difficult to move.

MEAT

Beef - The market for steer and cow beef was well sold out, with general delivery practice to fill orders on a "half carcass" basis. Quality ranged from Commercial to Good, with Choice cuts scarce everywhere.

Lamb - Orders for lamb were only partially filled. General quality was Commercial to Good.

Pork - A sudden pick-up in the slaughter of hogs was noticeable this week. More pork cuts and carcasses appeared all through the market places, and even small retail shops had more pork to offer than in many months.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Grapefruit and small size oranges are the best buys of the fresh fruits this week. Avocados are in moderate supply and reasonably priced. California Newtown apples are in moderate supply. All good apples are selling at ceiling. Grapes are scarce. Lemons and large size oranges are in moderate supply and high. Persimmons are in light supply and quite a bit higher. Tangerines are high, with the supply increasing.

Cabbage, celery, onions, potatoes, hard squash and eggplant are the best buys of the fresh vegetables this week. Bunched vegetables and broccoli are in moderate supply. Artichokes are scarce and higher. Good quality snap beans and peas are at ceiling. Cauliflower is moderately priced. Cucumbers are scarce and quite high. Garlic has been going up. Lettuce is in moderate supply with best quality coming from the Imperial Valley and Yuma Arizona. Mushrooms are lower. The peppers available are from Texas and Southern California. Soft squash is higher, but still reasonably priced for this time of year. Sweet potatoes are at ceiling. Tomatoes are arriving from Mexico and Texas and selling at ceiling.

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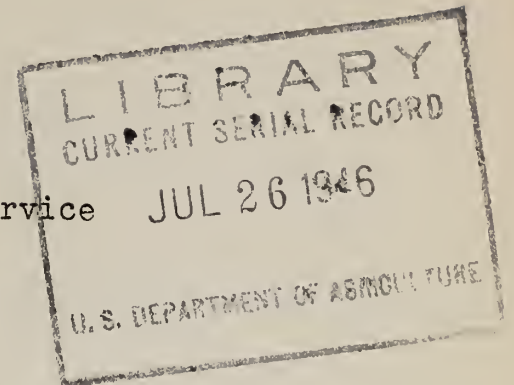
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter are acutely short, with receipts at a record low. Distribution was on a limited quota basis.

Eggs - Egg supplies for retail outlets were smaller this week, as reserve stocks of cold storage eggs were exhausted. Fresh egg production has not increased as rapidly as anticipated.

Poultry - Demand for dressed poultry increased, and the volume of sales is almost back to normal. Demand for large tom turkeys was light, but advance orders for young hens and small toms were being filled without difficulty.

MEAT

Beef - Steer and heifer beef was more plentiful this week, with quality largely Good. Veal was more plentiful, mostly Choice and Good.

Lamb - More liberal supplies of lamb were on the market with quality ranging from Good to Commercial. Few Choice carcasses were available. Ewe mutton was more plentiful.

Pork - A fairly liberal pork slaughter was in progress during the week, and cuts were more plentiful. Available supplies found ready outlets.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Grapefruit and small size oranges are the best fresh fruit buys this week. California Newtown apples and avocados are in moderate supply, as are limes and pears. Lemons and tangerines are in moderate supply and slightly lower, and large size oranges are higher. Apples and grapes are light, and the best are at ceiling. Persimmons are light, and the light supply of cranberries is selling at ceiling.

Celery, potatoes, bunched and topped vegetables are the best fresh vegetable buys this week. In moderate supply and higher are summer squash and cauliflower. Cabbage, lettuce, onions, spinach, sweet potatoes, broccoli and hard squash are in moderate supply. There is a small supply of artichokes, cucumbers, beans and eggplant, but the prices are higher this week. Tomatoes, peas and peppers are also in light supply.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies were accutely short, with receipts and reserves continuing to shrink. Distribution on a very limited quota basis.

Eggs - Inadequate supplies were further reduced by Army purchases.

Poultry - Most distributors concentrated on turkey during the week, with large supplies of all sizes on the market.

MEAT

Beef - There was a large general curtailment in the distribution of beef. A very moderate offering of Choice beef was available, but the bulk of the beef was Good. Veal was unchanged, the bulk of the supply being largely Good and Choice.

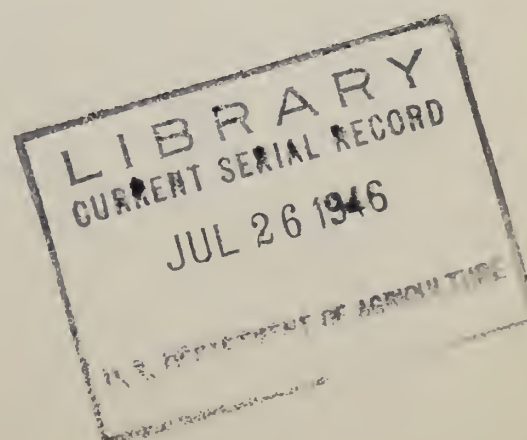
Lamb - Lamb distribution showed a sharp curtailment. Quality was largely Commercial and Good.

Pork - Supplies of pork carcasses and cuts were fully steady, with a little broader movement.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Grapefruit and small size oranges were still the best buys this week. In moderate supply were tangerines and avocados, with tangerines still rather high, but slightly lower than last week. Apples and grapes remain in light supply at ceiling.

The best vegetable buys this week are celery and potatoes. Bunched vegetables are in moderate supply and slightly higher along with cabbage, carrots and lettuce. Cauliflower and tomatoes are moderate and slightly lower. Sweetpotatoes are also in moderate supply. Artichokes, spinach and Hubbard squash are light and higher. The light supply of onions and peas are at ceiling. Poppers and soft summer type squash are light and high.



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